

Group Memory
CAC Meeting – May 1, 2003
Hopland Bypass.

Website address:

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Next Meeting dates

July 24, 2003 at Field Station. 6:00 - 8:00

September 4, 2003 at Field Station. 6:00 - 8:00

Desired outcome for July meeting:

Review results of the VA study.

Desired outcome for May 1 meeting:

Review the list of comments for the route alternatives

Identify things we want to avoid. Refine the list, prioritize the CAC VA list.

Decide how we want to be represented.

Bin List & Great Ideas

1. What about things we should avoid? Not just what we want, but what we specifically don't want? (Dick S, Feb 5, 2003)
2. On-going status of the project. Finances. (Todd; Feb 5, 2003)
- 3.

Group Decisions

All decisions made will be double underlined in the body of the notes below.

1. (Date)

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Upshot

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike through~~, but left on the list. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

| Ref. # | Who | What | When |
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| 1 | Alan | Get an alignment history for the group. Provide a copy of | 02/24/03 |

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| | | this to the VA Team Facilitator as well. | |
| 2 | Alan | Get the notes out to the group. | 02/07/03 |
| 3 | Group | Take the list back to the community; get input for the next meeting. | 03/18/03 |

From March 18, 2003

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| 4 | Praj | Provide copies of the PowerPoint presentation that has the walk throughs – put this on the internet. | 4/2/03 5/5/03 |
| 5 | Praj | Provide 50 copies of 11X17 of the five route alternative maps. Get them to the Construction Office. | 03/28/03 |
| 6 | Alan | Put the big maps up in the Construction Field Office in Hopland. | 3/19/03 |
| 7 | Alan | Bring a set of maps to the meetings. The BIG ones. | On going |
| 8 | Praj | Provide Big maps of the North Hopland concepts. | 4/09/03 |
| 9 | Alan | E mail these notes to the committee | 03/21/03 |

Assignments From May 1, 2003

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| 10 | Alan | Put new powerpoint and the eight maps as links on the web for the CAC to download. | 5/7 |
| 11 | Alan | E mail these notes to the committee Also include the notes from March meetingh, since we tweaked them a little at this meeting. | 5/5 |
| 12 | Praj | Traffic volume on East Side Road and on 175 has changed a lot (increases) since the casino expanded. Caltrans needs to update the traffic count. Please advise CT. | July mtg |
| 13 | Praj | Investigate Russian River Levee project. Work with Michelle. | July mtg |
| 14 | Alan | Send out the agenda and information on the VA meeting. | 5/5 |
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Critique from May meeting:

| What went well | What Needs Improvement |
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| 1. All of it. 2. North reviewed. 3. Nice to see important issues brought up. 4. CT received a lot of good information. 5. Got information on frontage road | 1. |

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| considerations. | |
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Critique from March meeting:

| What went well | What Needs Improvement |
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| Viewing the alternatives Started to hear good/bad opinions for the alternatives. Good to hear it. Started on time Lots of attendees. CT got a lot of good information. | Three members are not here. |

Definition: The Community Advisory Committee provides a regular forum for community members, organizational representatives, and the Department to communicate with each other regarding the projects on an ongoing basis.

Role: The CAC will serve as the primary voice of the community on topics pertaining to the development phase of the Hopland Bypass project. The CAC is intended to help identify problems and articulate and clarify key issues of interest to the local community.

The advisory committee is not a decision-making body.

The CAC is intended to communicate local viewpoints to the Project Development Team – the project’s technical committee. The Project Development Team makes final project recommendations to Department Management.

It is important to note that, for a variety of compelling reasons, Caltrans cannot always implement input provided by the CAC. When this occurs, the Department will provide a clear reason.

1. Ground Rules
 1. 1. Start and end on time.
 1. 2. One conversation at a time.
 1. 3. Cell phones set to stun.

1. 4. Be courteous.
1. 5. No smoking.
2. Decision making process:
 2. 1. Consensus if possible..
 2. 2. This is not a technical decision making group.
3. Opening and Purpose of meeting
 3. 1. Finish the North Hopland Alignment
 3. 2. list from first and second meeting – refine it.
 3. 3. VA Study on May 20 – Need to decide how we want to present the issues to the VA Team.
4. North Hopland Alignment Presentation –
 4. 1. Praj White presented the alternatives
 4. 2. Traffic volume on East Side Road and on 175 has changed a lot (increases) since the casino expanded. Caltrans needs to re-do the traffic count.
 4. 3. The alignments are preliminary footprints.
 4. 4. In the NH freeway alignment alternatives Praj considered freeway over and under local roads. Selected the ones that took the least ROW..
5. Expressway alignment Alternative NHE
 5. 1. Design intent: Develop an expressway alternative, minimize the footprint.
 5. 2. This option would have a lot of problems on traffic crossing the expressway. Intersections are left at grade. There is no grade separation
 5. 3. Difference between expressway and freeway is that there is no interchange – everything is same elevation, and you just cross the traffic.
 5. 4. Concern is that this would be a very dangerous alternative, and would move all the fatalities to it.
6. Freeway alignment NHF1
 6. 1. Design intent was develop a freeway alignment, provide frontage road from Hopland to the McNab Interchange.
 6. 2. Suggestion for realignment of frontage road connection – don't cut through the vineyard; follow the existing farm road, rather than going through the existing vineyard
 6. 3. Concept is to allow local traffic to travel to or through each other's property without having to use the freeway.
 6. 4. Suggestion: further up, (in fact all through the project) realign access road north of McNab interchange to minimize vineyard removal.

7. NHF2

7. 1. Design intent: This does not provide for continuous frontage road – no alternate connection to McNab, other than the freeway. Provide access to property owners, not continuous access – minimize footprint ROW.take.

8. Group discussion:

8. 1. Minimize the take of the vineyards.
8. 2. Group feeling is that excess Frontage road is not essential – continuous access is not important, especially if there is more vineyard getting involved. Why create the extra footprint – it is probably not needed.
8. 3. Point to consider is that without the frontage road continuous connection there could be access difficulty for emergency traffic.

9. The List What issues are important to your community, and what resources do you want to protect?

Please note the numbering system is NOMINAL. NOT SORTED BY PRIORITY. CAC WANTS ALL POINTS CONSIDERED.

9. 1. We want to make the town a quiet destination point.
9. 2. We want the small town look. A small country road through town.
9. 3. Preserve personal residences – avoid going through residential area- minimize impact to residential area.
9. 4. Protect Native American grave sites.
9. 5. Protect our ancestral values –
9. 6. Use a direction that makes it the easiest and smoothest to access downtown –
9. 7. Well designed entrance to the town.
9. 8. Near (close to) existing transportation corridor where appropriate. Protect the outlying area; the environment.
9. 9. Preserve the valley look in general.
9. 10. Protect the aesthetics of the valley.
9. 11. Protect oak woodlands and wetlands.
9. 12. Preserve our peacefulness.. – quiet – avoid noise pollution.
9. 13. Protect the Russian River watershed.
9. 14. Identify and minimize the environmental impact for every option considered.
9. 15. Improve pedestrian safety downtown.
9. 16. Ensure there is adequate emergency access. Evacuation routes, etc.
9. 17. We think the total cost is important – life cycle cost to build, maintain, operate.
9. 18. Protect the small family farm.
9. 19. Consider access to the town when there is flooding on the edge of town – along 175. Flood Plane.

9. 20. We value aesthetics of the structures. Avoid UGLY.
9. 21. Avoid historical sites.
9. 22. Avoid ugly fences, signals, appurtenances, etc.
9. 23. Provide landscaping that will stay clean and is attractive. Real attractive – like you would want in your own home.
9. 24. Protect vineyards – minimize vineyard destruction.
9. 25. Access - Solve the flooding problem for Hopland
9. 26. Improve pedestrian safety.
9. 27. Improve traffic safety in general.
9. 28. Consider alternate route around sundial interchange to the east of the RR tracks with interchange at CDF.
9. 29. Don't close off East Side Road –
9. 30. Be sensitive to increased traffic based on interchange location.
10. VA Meeting –
 10. 1. first day, everyone is welcome to attend the first day at the kick off meeting at Ukiah in the Mtce Station.
 10. 2. There are some people in the town who ask, “Why build?” This group does not support the no-build.
 10. 3. We would be happy to have this list go forward as we worked it up in the meeting AS IS. We want to have Praj represent us at the VA meeting.
 10. 4.

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| 10 | 7:50 | Review upshot and bin list | |
| 11 | 7:58 | Meeting Evaluation: What went well (WWW) and What Needs Improvement (WNI) | |
| 12 | 8:00 | Adjourn | |